

Corner Ketch Barn  
(Thompson Barn) (Fongeni)  
West side of Route 290 (Landenburg-  
Wilmington Road), .1 mile north of  
Route 291 (Yeatmans Mill Road)  
Corner Ketch Vicinity  
New Castle County  
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE<br>Delaware   | COUNTY<br>New Castle          | TOWN OR VICINITY<br>Corner Ketch vic.<br>Mill Creek Hundred |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)<br>Corner Ketch Barn (location)  |                               | HABS NO.<br>DE-205  |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE<br>Thompson Barn, Fongeni  |                               |   |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)<br>West side of Route 290 (Landenburg-Wilmington Road), .1 mile north of Route 291 (Yeatmans Mill Road)  |                               |   |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>ca. 1800 with multiple 19th-century additions;<br>construction   | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) |   |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)<br>The Corner Ketch Barn illustrates two major themes in barn design in northern Delaware. First, English-style bank barns without forebays became a popular barn type in this area in the late 18th century; second, in the period of agricultural reform (ca. 1820-1860) these |                               |   |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) buildings were extensively enlarged and renovated to incorporate the increased functions of scientific farming.  |                               |   |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Heavy timber framing using principle posts and rails for vertical siding and multiple truss systems to carry the additions.   |                               |   |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)<br>Irregular plan; original block approximately 35' by 60' central runway, three-bay plan.  |                               |   |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Plain mill sawn vertical board siding nailed (with cut nails) to horizontal rails joined to principles; gable roof main block with extensive shed roof additions.   |                               |   |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)<br>As the barn was enlarged from a two-level, three-bay design in the 19th century, it received numerous additions. To span the needed distances and to frame the wings into the original block a complex system of king and queen post trusses was introduced.                               |                               |   |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES<br>Multiple forebay additions mid 19th century; gable end additions latter half 19th century.  |                               |   |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE<br>Demolished ca. 1983.   |                               |   |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE  |                               |   |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)<br>Cultural Resource Survey, Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  |                               |   |
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